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Town Officers.

OFFICERS BIENNIALY ELECTED.

Moderator,

A. J. SAWYER.

Representative to General Court,

NATHANIEL G. WHIDDEN.

Supervisors of Check Lists,

EDWIN G. KELLY, ELMER E. KIMBALL, WM. W. BOSWELL.

OFFICERS ANNUALLY ELECTED.

Town Clerk,

EPHRAIM A. CARTER.

Selectmen,

ENOCH H. NICHOLS, JOHN N. ROWELL, JOHN R. HARVEY

Treasurer,

JOHN F. AXTELL.

Highway Agents,

ALVAH W. SARGENT, ORIN J. SEVERANCE, CHARLES DART

Library Commissioners,

EVERETT M. BARTLETT, NATHANIEL DAY,
GEORGE H. BATTLES.

Fish and Game Warden,

EDWIN G. KELLEY.

Constable,

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON.

Collector of Taxes,

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON.

Auditors,

WILLIAM W. BOSWELL, JOHN E. HAYFORD.

Board of Education,

MARY E. HOITT, THOMAS TAYLOR, J. E. GEORGE

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION IN APRIL, 1897.

Land and buildings.....	\$310,445
No. Polls, 271.....	27,100
" Horses, 215.....	8,655
" Oxen, 2.....	110
" Cows, 148.....	3,562
" Neat Stock, 19.....	287
" Fowls, 440.....	200
" Carriages, 7.....	385
Money at interest.....	725
Stock in trade.....	19,700
Mills and machinery.....	6,600

\$377,769

AMOUNT RAISED.

Town charges.....	\$2,500 00
Public library.....	100 00
Memorial day.....	25 00
School money by law.....	685 00
Extra school money.....	500 00
Repairs on schoolhouses.....	50 00
Highways.....	944 42
State tax.....	685 00
County tax.....	788 64
Percentage.....	144 01

\$6,422 07

Taxes not in inventory April 1.....

6 37

Committed to collector.....

\$6,428 44

Rate \$1.70 on \$100.

Valuation of fire district.....	\$115,882
On which a tax was raised of.....	\$200 00
Percentage	8. 59

\$208 59

Rate \$1.80 on \$1000.

MONEY RECEIVED.

From Taxes on property deeded to town...	\$ 45 90
Interest	8 28
Sawyer & Heath, insurance dividend..	1 50
Railroad tax.....	271 93
Savings bank tax.....	11 95
Literary fund.....	112 84
Rent of Town Hall.....	39 50
Fire district, rent of hall.....	24 00
John Currier estate.....	19 48

\$535 38

Expenditures.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Jesse E. George, Treas. school board.	\$1445 79
Repairs	50 00
Books	148 03

\$1643 82

SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid Jesse E. George.....	\$30 00
Thomas Taylor.....	20 00
Mary E. Hoyt.....	20 00

Paid B. F. Wakefield, moderator.....	\$ 1 00
James L. Kimball, clerk.....	1 50
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	\$72 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. H. Nichols, selectman and overseer of poor.....	\$70 00
J. N. Rowell, selectman and overseer of poor	25 75
J. R. Harvey, selectman and overseer of poor	17 00
J. F. Axtell, treasurer.....	35 00
E. A. Carter, town clerk.....	39 32
J. F. Germundson, collector.....	67 00
“ “ police.....	15 00
S. W. Crafts, collector 1895.....	21 00
“ “ “ 1896.....	13 22
E. G. Kelley, police.....	14 00
“ “ fish and game warden...	5 00
“ “ supervisor	2 00
Charles Dart, police.....	2 00
“ “ dog police.....	3 00
Everett Kelley, police.....	14 86
A. J. Sawyer, moderator.....	3 00
W. W. Boswell, supervisor.....	2 00
“ “ auditor	1 00
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	\$350 15

HIGHWAY AGENTS.

Paid Charles Dart.....	\$272 57
A. W. Sargent.....	288 73
O. J. Severance.....	245 65
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	\$806 95

SNOW BILLS.

Paid A. W. Sargent, 1898.....	\$152 70
O. J. Severance, 1898.....	143 25
Charles Dart, 1898.....	193 87
A. P. Hoyt, 1897.....	6 00
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	\$495 82

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid John McDonald, board of Samuel Farrington.....	\$100 44
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance S. Farrington.....	3 00
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance M. Morris	2 25
Henry Bean, Supt. county farm, board of Mary Currier 42 3-7 weeks to Dec. 3, 1897, at \$2.50.....	106 07
Henry Bean, Mary Currier clothing....	5 75
“ “ coffin and burial clothes..	9 00
C. Dart, digging grave.....	2 50
Henry Bean, Supt. county farm, board of Sally A. Currier 46 3-7 weeks to Jan. 1, 1898, at \$2.50.....	116 07
Henry Bean, clothing.....	6 60
N. B. and W. H. Glidden, services on Currier case.....	2 00
John Dalton, goods for Frank Severance family	37 36
J. F. Germundson, 363 tramps.....	54 45
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	\$445 49
Paid E. G. Kelley, burial expenses of Edmund S. Whittier.....	\$45 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Sawyer & Heath, insurance on town hall	\$ 40 00
Fire district, expense at fire of R. L. Huckins.....	58 25
H. M. Green, driving hearse.....	37 00
H. L. Burbeck, printing town reports.	27 00
A. J. Sawyer, for Memorial day.....	25 00
C. A. Boswell, care of hall and bills paid	22 11
E. A. Carter, recording births from 1837 to 1893.....	14 00
Witness fees, fare, etc., in case Gould vs. Newton	13 20
W. W. Boswell, justice fees.....	12 50
R. Peaslee, watering trough 1892-'96-'97	9 00
Stock and labor for painting hearse house	8 60
E. H. Nichols, horse hire.....	6 25
J. E. Fowler, watering trough 1896-'97	6 00
E. A. Carter, for recording marriages, births and deaths.....	5 10
D. D. Pierce, repairs on town hall....	5 43
D. F. Wilder, goods for town hall....	5 42
A. J. Currier, wood for town hall....	4 50
John Templeton, publishing notices...	4 50
W. W. Wilder and J. S. Peaslee, fees in bond case.....	4 80
J. F. Axtell, returning births and deaths	4 50
E. H. Nichols, wood for town hall....	3 25
“ “ distributing town reports	3 00
G. D. Veal, watering trough 1897....	3 00
John McDonald, watering trough 1897.	3 00
J. E. Trask, watering trough 1897...	3 00
A. M. Davis, watering trough 1897....	3 00
T. A. Currier, watering trough 1897..	3 00
E. H. Nichols, car fare and postage...	3 03

Paid J. L. Bartlett, lettering guide boards....\$	2 50
G. H. Pearson, record books and stationery	2 50
J. F. Germundson, supplies for lockup.	1 90
J. H. Batchelder, collector's book.....	1 50
E. A. Carter, dog license book.....	1 25
E. H. Nichols, guide posts.....	1 20
J. N. Rowell, police badge.....	1 00
H. L. Burbeck, printing dog laws.....	75
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	\$350 04

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Trustees.....	\$50 00
E. G. Kelley, librarian.....	50 00
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	\$100 00
Cash on deposit at Pentucket Savings bank, Haverhill, Mass	\$87 04

RECAPITULATION.

Support of schools.....	\$1445 79
Repairs.....	50 00
Books	148 03
School board.....	72 50
Town officers.....	350 15
Highway agents.....	806 95
Snow bills.....	495 82
Support of poor.....	445 49
Burial of E. S. Whittier.....	45 50
Miscellaneous	350 04
Public Library.....	100 00
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	\$4310 27

ABATEMENTS.

1895.

Herbert S. Flanders:.....\$1 90

1896.

Will S. Cooper.....\$1 65

Oscar Colum.....1 65

Will M. Goodwin.....1 65

Michael Harrington.....1 65

\$6 60

1897.

Will S. Cooper.....\$1 70

Walter F. Hall, taxed in Fremont.....1 70

Patrick Killyea.....1 70

\$5 10

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

S. W. Crafts, to uncollected taxes of 1895.....\$387 25

CR.

Abatements\$ 1 90

Deeds of property sold for taxes.....117 38

Cash235 22

\$354 50

Due.....\$32 75

S. W. Crafts, uncollected taxes 1896.....\$1336 92

CR.

Abatements\$ 6 60

Cash1057 02

\$1063 62

Due.....\$273 30

John F. Germundson, 1897 taxes committed.....	\$6428 44
Abatements	\$ 5 10
Discount.....	68 85
Cash	5360 01
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	\$5433 96
Due.....	\$994 48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

To notes Second National Bank, Haverhill.	\$7000 00
Interest due March 20, 1898.....	140 00
Anna Warner's note.....	1000 00
Eliza A. Rowell's note.....	700 00
Interest on notes.....	31 75
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	\$8871 75

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By balance due on reimbursement account.....	\$13,466 67
U. S. bounty.....	1,179 00
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Due from county board of S. Farrington...\$	9 00
Edmund S. Whittier estate.....	45 50
Collector, 1895.....	32 75
“ 1896.....	273 30
“ 1897.....	994 48
Cash on hand.....	618 33
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	\$1973 36
Town debt over assets.....	6898 39
“ reduced during year.....	726 04

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,	} Selectmen of Newton.
JOHN N. ROWELL,	
JOHN R. HARVEY,	

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer charges himself with receiving from all sources the sum of \$7996.21.

Obtained as follows :

From treasurer of 1897.....	\$ 464 45
" " dog fund.....	147 95
S. W. Crafts, collector of 1895.....	235 22
" " " 1896.....	1057 02
Selectmen of 1897.....	535 38
J. F. Germundson, collector 1897..	5360 01
" " " interest	
1897	12 21
Town clerk for dog licenses.....	168 97
" " pool table licenses..	15 00
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	\$7996 21

Treasurer has paid out as follows :

Paid Pentucket Savings bank note.....	\$1000 00
Interest on Pentucket Savings bank	
note	20 00
Interest on \$8000 due March 20, '97.	160 00
" " " Sept. 20, '97..	160 00
" Rowell note of \$700.....	35 00
" Warner note of \$1000...	50 00
County tax.....	788 64
State tax.....	685 00
Selectmen's orders.....	4310 27
Dog fund not expended.....	168 97
Cash on hand.....	618 33
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	\$7996 21

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. AXTELL, Treasurer.

Report of Highway Agents.

REPORT OF ALVAH W. SARGENT, ROAD AGENT.

Paid A. W. Sargent.....	\$ 12 42
Man and team.....	114 65
Melvin Peaslee.....	3 74
Albe Comeau.....	1 28
Moses Marden.....	9 60
Gene Sullivan.....	38 50
Valentine Sawyer.....	9 00
Severance and team.....	18 00
James McPherson.....	4 50
John Higgin.....	1 28
J. W. Lock.....	75
George Green.....	25
Waldo Ladd.....	16 65
John Walker.....	18 60
Milton Holmes.....	12 60
Oscar Sargent.....	5 00
A. W. Sargent, for lumber and nails..	21 91

\$288 73

REPORT OF CHARLES DART, ROAD AGENT.

Paid Ed. Swett.....	\$33 83
Moses Marden.....	8 86
Charles Arnold.....	4 20
Edgar Whidden.....	18 20
Sumner Hoyt.....	3 60
Joseph Sanborn.....	8 93
Thos. A. Currier.....	24 58
Charles Dart, holding road scraper 50 hours	8 75

Paid Dart and horse.....	\$43 98
Richard W. Currier.....	14 60
Melvin Bagley.....	75
Will Bean.....	35
A. D. Marden, repairing road machine..	45
Chas. Esterbrook.....	2 35
Walter Drake.....	75
Aaron Currier.....	2 20
Henry F. Marden.....	5 06
Almon J. Currier.....	5 95
“ “ posts and nails.....	3 25
H. G. Blaisdell.....	12 66
G. S. Smith	7 50
Albert Flanders.....	2 10
Stanley Reynolds.....	7 65
W. C. Gale.....	92
N. Day, Jr.....	13
Henry Dalrymple.....	2 03
Benj. Collins.....	60
Ed. Collins.....	1 80
Chas. D. Currier.....	3 86
Everett Currier.....	1 35
Jas. L. Kimball.....	2 25
Enoch H. Nichols.....	98
“ “ posts and nails.....	1 60
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\$236 07	

REPORT OF CHAS. DART, ROAD AGENT, REPAIRING COUNTRY
POND BRIDGE.

Paid Sumner Hoyt for stringers.....	\$ 6 00
A. W. Sargent, 1161 ft. plank.....	14 25
Orin Severance, hauling stringers.....	5 00
H. G. Blaisdell, hauling plank.....	1 10
Philip D. Quimby, hewing stringers.....	1 75
Charles Dart, work.....	2 70

Paid G. S. Smith, work.....	\$	90
Ed. Swett, work.....	2	40
Jos. C. Sanborn, work.....		90
Arthur Johnson, work.....	1	50
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		\$36 50

REPORT OF ORIN J. SEVERANCE, ROAD AGENT.

Paid O. J. Severance.....	\$182	24
James McPherson.....	19	28
Wm. Emerson.....	21	33
C. W. Peaslee.....	13	05
Waldo Ladd.....	2	25
Wm. Emerson.....	7	50
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		\$245 65

Auditors' Report.

NEWTON, Feb. 19th, 1898.

We have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer, and found them properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN E. HAYFORD, }
WILLIAM W. BOSWELL, } Auditors.

List of Uncollected Taxes.

1895.

G. F. Battles.....	\$ 4 34	Frank S. Bartlett..	\$ 2 57
C. H. Blethen.....	1 90	Geo. W. Bartlett..	3 80
Oscar Colum.....	1 90	James Dort.....	1 90
Edward Esterbrook..	1 69	Richard Peaslee...	8 40
Sarah A. Smith.....	6 25		

Total \$32.75.

1896.

John Armatage.....	\$ 1 65	Chas. McAlister...	\$ 1 65
Jas. L. Bartlett.....	2 00	L. P. Buswell.....	16 50
C. H. Blethen.....	1 65	Edgar S. Bartlett..	1 65
Will G. Battles.....	9 74	Geo. W. Bartlett..	1 65
John Currier.....	12 38	Albe Comeau.....	1 65
Mrs. F. W. Davis...	37 13	W. R. Davenport..	19 88
Ed. T. Esterbrook...	1 80	Ben. Goodwin....	2 47
John FitzGerald....	11 30	Irwin A. Kimball..	1 65
Albert Lake.....	1 65	J. W. Lock.....	3 46
Estella Lock.....	1 04	Geo. B. Merrill...	19 39
Pat O'Neil.....	1 65	G. H. Peaslee.....	1 65
Catherine Peaslee...	33 83	Richard Peaslee...	7 26
John S. Peaslee.....	9 49	Eben Peaslee heirs.	19 80
Daniel C. Peaslee...	31 60	Charles Pierce.....	1 65
Frank Severance...	1 65	Sarah A. Smith...	12 26
Arthur Wilder.....	2 39	Almon G. Whittier.	1 21
L. B. Peaslee.....	22		

Total \$273.30.

1897.

Chas. Arnold.....\$ 2 21	Chas. McAllister..\$ 1 70
Melvin L. Bagley... 1 70	Geo. F. Battles,bal. 8 94
James W. Bagley... 1 70	Thos. W. Bagley.. 13 00
Wm. A. Bartlett.... 40 97	Mrs.C.Bodwell,bal. 2 22
Levi D. Bartlett..... 1 70	Mrs.J.Bucklin, bal. 14 95
Will Bucklin..... 2 12	Lemuel P. Buzzell. 17 34
C. H. Blethen..... 1 70	Edgar S. Bartlett.. 1 70
Geo. W. Bartlett.... 1 70	John S. Brown.... 119 85
Lois Carleton..... 7 14	Frank Chase..... 1 70
John Currier heirs.. 11 90	Albe Comeau..... 1 87
Levi M. D. Clough.. 10 63	John F. Currier... 1 87
Lenard Currier heirs. 19 55	Mrs. O. D. Carter. 10 20
Thos. A. Currier,bal. 17 91	Herbert Currier... 1 70
Frank A. Currier... 2 80	Thos. Currier heirs 18 70
Lizzie S. Currier.... 12 75	Frank P. Currier.. 11 05
Frank B. Currier.... 1 70	William Duffy.... 8 50
Mrs. F. W. Davis... 37 40	F. W. Davis..... 5 01
W. R. Davenport... 18 70	Chester Davenport. 1 70
Jerry Dalton..... 1 70	Mary Dalton heirs. 21 25
Jerry Danathy..... 1 70	William Emerson.. 8 50
Edward T.Esterbrook 8 67	Saml. K. Fowler.. 2 04
Charles Fernald..... 9 89	H. N. Gould..... 2 85
Benj. Goodwin..... 2 35	Hiram Gale..... 2 55
Bryan Greely..... 1 70	John J. Greely.... 1 70
William Gordon.... 2 12	Harry M. Green... 1 70
Daniel Goodwin.... 12 33	Andrew J. Hoyt... 19 13
Enoch N. Hoyt..... 11 90	Oscar F. Hoyt, bal. 6 18
Chas. M. Hoyt..... 1 70	Stephen S. Huse.. 18 36
C. A. Harrington... 15 64	E. G. Kelley..... 10 63
E. L. Kelley..... 1 70	Owen D. Kelley... 19 55
Jona. Kimball..... 18 70	Jas. L. Kimball... 1 70
Geo. W. Kimball .. 15 81	Wm. H. Kimball.. 7 14
Irwin A. Kimball.... 1 70	Schuyler B. Kimball 1 70
L. F. Ladd..... 2 55	W. W. Ladd..... 1 70

Geo. B. Merrill.....	\$19 97	James J. Merrill...\$	1 70
John Mullen.....	1 70	James Merrick....	4 76
Pat O'Neil.....	5 10	Wm. O. Nason....	8 50
Daniel D. Pierce....	15 30	Chas. H. Peaslee..	14 87
Mrs. A. O. Peaslee..	23 38	Geo. H. Peaslee...	27 20
Leonard B. Peaslee..	2 55	Folsom Pinkham..	2 21
Alonzo Pinkham....	1 70	Catherine Peaslee..	34 85
Richard Peaslee.....	3 74	John S. Peaslee...	10 11
Eben Peaslee heirs...	18 70	D. C. Peaslee, bal.	19 90
James McPherson...	3 40	Chas. Pierce.....	1 70
Chas. Pillsbury.....	1 70	Michael Quinn....	1 70
Geo. H. Sawyer....	2 04	Geo T. Sawyer...	1 70
A. N. Scribner.....	1 70	Frank Senter.....	13 43
Sarah A. Smith.....	12 58	Frank Severance..	1 70
Ed. Thompson.....	2 12	Wm. W. Taylor...	21 42
A. P. Woodman, Jr.	1 70	Mrs. Woodman, Jr.	12 75
Almon G. Whittier..	4 17	Albert Webster....	21 11

NON RESIDENTS.

J. Harriman Gale.....	\$4 68
“ “ Costs.....	2 86
John J. Hoburn.....	51
“ “ Costs.....	2 86

Total \$994.48.

Report of the Library Trustees.

DR.

Received from Treasurer, 1897.....	\$ 9 46
Town Treasurer.....	50 00
Librarian	84
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	\$60 30

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Paid H. L. Burbeck, printing.....	\$ 4 25
Express, postage, etc.....	60
Thirty books.....	29 47
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	\$34 32
Balance on hand.....	\$25 98

EVERETT M. BARTLETT, Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

OF NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB.
15, 1898.

Whole number of books in library.....	781
“ “ “ loaned during year.....	4401
“ “ “ added during year.....	31
Number of cards.....	401
Received for fines and cards.....	\$3 64
Paid for books, express, paper, etc.....	2 80
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Balance	84

A large number of volumes have been donated to the library by Miss Etta M. Peck, which have not been placed in use on account of insufficient shelf room.

E. G. KELLY, Librarian.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I have licensed for the year 1897 :

April 30, 69 male dogs at \$2.....	\$138 00
8 female dogs at \$5.....	40 00
July 1, 2 male dogs at \$1.67.....	3 34
Sept. 1, 1 female dog.....	3 33
1898.	
Feb. 1, 1 male dog.....	50
Received for licenses.....	\$185 17
Reserved for fees.....	16 20
Paid to town treasurer.....	\$168 97
May 1, Received for pool table license.....	\$10 00
Nov. 1, " " " " ".....	5 00
Paid to town treasurer.....	\$15 00

EPHRAIM A. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

{ L. S. }

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Newton, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at 9.30 of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditors, Road Commissioners, Commissioners of Public Library, Fish and Game Warden, Constables, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber, Health Officers, Fence Viewers and all other necessary town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, for the support and maintenance of the Public Library, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

3. To see if the town will appropriate \$25 dollars for "Memorial Day" purposes.

4. To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the Town Auditors, the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Committees or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed and to pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to build a building for the use of tramps, and if so voted to appropriate money for the same.

6. To see if the town will vote to furnish a room for the Public Library and if so voted to appropriate money for the same.

To transact all other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1898.

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,	}	Selectmen of Newton.
JOHN N. ROWELL,		
JOHN R. HARVEY,		

A true copy of Warrant,—Attest.

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,	}	Selectmen of Newton.
JOHN N. ROWELL,		
JOHN R. HARVEY,		

Report of the Board of Education

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1898.

The Board of Education respectfully submit the following report of schools for the past year. We have tried to reduce the salaries of the teachers, agreeable to the expressed wish of some of the taxpayers, and in order to do this, have been obliged to change teachers in some schools.

The Pond street school has been taught by Miss Myra M. Day of this town. This has been the fourth year of her experience with this school; we hope she will hold the position many years to come. Miss Day has the ability to make the schoolroom pleasant and home like; and she adds many attractive exercises to the routine of school life.

Miss Bertha Still of Haverhill, Mass., was engaged for her third year at Rowe's Corner school. Owing to the illness of Miss Still, Miss Edith Green substituted two weeks of the spring term. The scholars have shown marked improvement, especially in reading and geography. We regret that some of the pupils did not attend the winter term on account of the distance to the school.

The spring term of the Village school was taught by Miss M. E. Bemis with her usual success. Miss Lillian S. Kimball of Newton Junction succeeded Miss Bemis; she taught the fall and part of the winter term, when sickness compelled her to resign. Her Normal School training and several years experience have made her a successful instructor, and the school was very satisfactory under her tuition. Miss Persis L. Clement, of Merri-nac, labored hard to fill the place of Miss Kimball the last four weeks of the winter term.

Miss Lillian S. Kimball taught the spring term at the Junction. Miss C. M. Swain, of Wilmington was teacher during the rest of the year. Miss Swain combined firmness and gentleness in her management of the school,

these qualities added to pleasant methods of teaching made her school work interesting and profitable.

Miss Carrie M. Allen continued in charge of the High School during the spring term. She labored hard for the advancement of the pupils in their studies. At the close of the term the second class to graduate, sixteen in number, entertained their parents and friends with an interesting program of Essays, Declamations and Recitations.

Miss Allen was succeeded by Miss Bertha Foote who came to us highly recommended, and the school showed marked improvement under her unremitting labor. At the Christmas Holidays she resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Everett, Mass. Mr. N. F. Abbott was secured to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Abbott is a graduate of Dartmouth College and an experienced teacher. Under his wise management the school made rapid improvement in their studies and amendment in their behavior.

The Board of Education are painfully aware of the great difficulty experienced in holding the services of competent teachers owing to the shortness of the school year and comparatively low wages paid.

We frequently hear disparaging comparisons of our schools with those of Merrimac, Haverhill and other places, where the salary of one teacher is as much as the whole amount of school money expended in Newton. The last teacher of the High school remarked that the pupils here were as good scholars and as good reasoners as any he had taught in schools of the same grade. We feel that in accepting the trust of superintending the education of the youth of our town we have responsibilities more, and perhaps greater, than providing books and teachers, we earnestly wish that principles of good citizenship, good morals and honesty should be inculcated, therefore the Board have felt called upon to demand reparation for the destruction of school property in one section of the town. We would again call attention to the fact that a building for the High School is an imperative need.

JESSE E. GEORGE,	}	School Board of Newton.
THOMAS TAYLOR,		
MARY E. HOITT.		

Statistical Table of Schools.

Schools	No. of Terms	Length in weeks . . .	Wages per Month . .	Whole No. of pupils .	Average No. of pupils	No. not absent	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Reading	Spelling	Pennmanship	Geography	Grammar	History	Book-keeping	Algebra	Composition	Physical Geography . .	Latin	Drawing	Visits by School Board	Visits by others
High	1 11 2 11 3 8	\$60 48 48	35 41 48	38 40 37	12 7 10	22 25 22	12 16 14	17 18 17	1 1 1	20 19 18	27 25 25	17 25 25	20 22 22	28 22 22	21 18 18	10 8 6	39 8 5	39 8 6	39 8 6	39 8 6	39 8 6	
Village	1 11 2 11 3 7	\$38 32 32	41 30 32	38 27 28	17 7 10	23 19 17	18 11 11	40 30 28	37 30 28	40 30 28	37 30 28	29 18 18	24 18 18	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	37 12 3	8 4 4	45 4 4	
Rowe's Corner	1 11 2 11 3 8	\$22 32 32	30 28 23	27 25 19	1 2 2	16 25 19	14 28 23	30 28 23	25 28 21	30 28 23	28 28 23	17 15 12	17 15 12	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	7 2 2	15 27 26	15 27 26	
Popd Street	1 11 2 11 3 8	\$24 28 28	24 19 18	22 18 17	2 3 3	16 11 11	8 18 7	23 16 18	23 16 16	23 18 16	23 16 16	17 15 7	15 13 13	9 13 13	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	3 4 3	25 16 20	25 16 20
Junction	1 11 2 11 3 8	\$28 28 28	23 27 24	22 25 19	7 1 1	15 17 15	8 10 9	23 27 24	23 27 24	23 27 24	23 27 24	13 17 24	13 17 24	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 5 3	8 11 9	8 11 9	

Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, 168;
Boys 95, Girls 73.

Table incomplete on account of change in teachers and
change in time of closing the State School year.

Physiology has been taught by text books or orally in
all the Schools,

Only names of pupils not absent for the year found in
Registers are: Eva M. Hayford, Everett M. Bartlett and
J. Stanwood Warner.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

Paid Teachers.....	\$1287	30	
for wood and sawing.....	64	22	
janitors	36	60	
rent of Odd Fellow's building....	50	00	
for replacing school building de-			
stroyed by fire at Junction	10	50	
miscellaneous bills and cleaning			
school buildings	8	33	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898		36	
			<u>\$1457 31</u>
Rec'd of Mrs. M. E. Hoitt, treas. 1896	\$	1	02
E. G. Kelly account of building			
destroyed by fire at Jct...	10	50	
Town Treas. for schools.....	1445	79	
			<u>\$1457 31</u>
Paid for repairs on school buildings.....	\$50	00	
Rec'd of town treasurer for repairs.....	50	00	
Paid for books and supplies	\$148	78	
Rec'd of town treas. acct. of books and			
supplies	\$148	03	
for sale of paper.....		75	
			<u>\$148 78</u>
Books and supplies on hand Feb. 15, 1897	\$	45	00
Paid for books and supplies.....	148	78	
			<u>\$193 78</u>
Books and supplies on hand Feb. 15, 1898.....	35	00	
Cost of Books and supplies for year.....	\$158	78	

JESSE E. GEORGE, Treas. School Board.

Newton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898

I have this day examined the reports of the Treasurer
of school board and found them correct.

JOHN E. HAYFORD, Auditor.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Name of Child (if any.)	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Stillborn.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 9	Ida,	F	3	L	James L. Bartlett.	Mabel A. Terry,	Newton,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
31		"	3	"	Patrick Greeley,	Mary E. Melin,	Ireland.	England.
Feb. 2	Gertrude,	"	2	"	William Cooper,	Nellie Parker,	Germany.	Merrimac, Mass.
10	Bernard V.,	M	10	"	John V. Mullen,	Hannah Greeley.	Exeter.	Ireland.
Mar. 3	Edward A.,	"	3	"	Granville Ingalls,	Nettie Brewer,	Newton,	Kennington.
29	Hayden K.,	"	7	"	Amos E. Smart,	Lizzie Sawyer,	Durham,	So. Hampton.
15	Sterling A.,	"	4	"	James Cosgrove,	Edith Merrick,	Hampstead,	Gloucester, Mass.
28	Grace E.,	F	3	"	Herbert E. Currier,	Etta P. King,	Newton.	So. Hampton.
3	Willie T.,	M	4	S	Charles F. Pierce,	Anna Clark,	Hooksett,	Ireland.
22	Frances May	"	9	L	Edw. T. Esterbrook,	Genie H. Edney.	Newton,	E. Kingston.
4		"	3	"	Ross W. Lyon,	Maud S. Edney.	Pembroke, Me.,	"
June 11	Bessie Letitia,	F	2	"	John P. Murray,	Mary Musylas,	Canada,	Canada.
17	Roland B.	"	2	"	D. Frank Battles,	Etta M. Hayford,	Plaislow,	Newton.
20	Everett,	M	1	"	Everett A. Evans,	Carrie M. Dunn,	Merrimac, Ms.,	"
July 6	Lizzie B.,	F	1	"	Edw. W. Collins,	Lucy M. Bartlett,	So. Hampton,	Ipswich, Mass.
20	Almon H.,	M	4	"	Almon G. Whittier,	Nellie D. Smith,	Newton,	Madbury.
Nov. 26	Lucy,	F	3	"	Richard B. Hamor,	Kate Dalton,	Boston,	Newton.
Dec. 21		"	1	"	Amos M. Kimball,	Bernice Huckins,	Newton,	Charlestown, Ms.
25	Harold L.,	M	1	"	James L. Kimball,	May A. Aver.	"	Great Falls.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	No. of mar- riage	Name, Residence and Official Station of persons by whom married.
Jan. 23	Newton,	Dan'l C. Goodwin, Mary E. Hatch,	60 54	Kensington, Newton,	Stephen Goodwin, Nancy Prescott, Joseph Badger, Eliza A. Bartlett,	3 2	Thos. Taylor, Clergyman, Newton.
Jan. 24	Haverhill, Mass.,	Herman H. Green, Blanche P. Wash- burn,	21 19	Brockton, Mass., Reading, Mass.,	Henry M. Green, Elvira N. Hoyt, Horace Washburn, Mary A. _____	1 1	W. E. Bates, Clergyman, Haverhill, Mass.
Jan. 27	Lowell, Mass.,	Jas. L. Kimball, Mary A. Ayer,	26 28	Amesbury, Mass., Great Falls,	James B. Kimball, Sarah L. Kimball, Chas. W. Ayer, Addie M. Carpenter.	1 1	O. E. Malloy, Clergyman, Lowell, Mass.
Apr. 28	Haverhill, Mass.,	Lewis M. Holmes, Ora I. Page,	28 21	Georgetown, Mass., Hampstead,	Milton Holmes, Laura Hardy, Josiah Page, Elizabeth Cross,	1 1	Welcome E. Bates, Clergyman, Haverhill, Mass.

June 23	Newton,	John M. T. Currier,	24	Newton,	Andrew Currier, Sarah E. Colby, Benj. W. Morrill, Sarah E. Peaslee, John A. Warner, Annie Black, Charles B. Meek, Mary A. Davis, John Batchelder, Hannah Taylor, Isaiah Shorey,	1	Wilson R. Terry, Clergyman, Newton.
Aug. 24	Exeter,	Lilla M. Morrill, Clarence T. Warner, Lizzie E. Meek, Nathaniel B. Batch- elder, Delia Foss,	19 20 17 65 60	Haverhill, Mass., So. Hampton, Kingston, Barrington, N. H., So. Berwick, Me.,		1	Wm. Woods, Clergyman, Exeter.
Dec. 15	Melrose, Mass.,	John G. Rowe, Mary E. LaFavor,	29 22	Hampstead, Newton,	Benj. F. Rowe, Sarah A. Lowe, Horace LaFavor, Fannie J. Hayford,	3 3	Geo. N. Howard, Clergyman, Melrose, Mass.
Dec. 25	Newton,					1	Wilson R. Terry, Clergyman, Newton.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newton, N.H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Name and surname of deceased,	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 8	Willard H. Hoyt,	22		6	Newton,	M	W	S	Edward A. Hoyt,	Lois A. Blaisdell.
Feb. 3	Benjamin Price,	28			Nova Scotia,	M	"	M		
	Hannah M. Pinkham	62	5		Ellet, Me.,	F	"	"	John Davis,	Hannah Pearsons.
	John Currier,	82			Newton;	M	"	"	Moses Currier,	
	Almira C. Bartlett,	87	10	18	"	F	"	W	James Chase,	Hannah Farrington.
Mar. 14	Bernard V. Mullen			11	"	M	"	S	John V. Mullen,	Hannah Greeley.
28	Herbert W. Goodwin			10	"	"	"	"	Wm. M. Goodwin,	Lettie B. Dennison.
17	Hiram P. Heath,	64	10	23	"	"	"	M	Sargent Heath,	Ruth Goodwin.
31	Rosanna B. Brown,	1	9	10	Haverhill, Mass.	F	"	S	James A. Brown,	Abbie F. Shute.
April 1	Moses F. Currier,	69			Derry,	M	"	W	Jacob Currier,	Polly Currier.
13	Mehitable Brown,	74	7		Nottingham,	F	"	M	— Thurston,	— Haney.
30	Otis Wing,	98		20	Dennis, Mass.	M	"	"	David Wing,	Desire Vinton.
May 3	Edm'd S. Whittier,				Newton,	"	"	"	Chas. F. Pierce,	Anna W. Clark.
Sept. 11	Mary Bean,	58			"	"	"	M	Timothy Whittier	Polly Gale.
21		63			Ireland,	F	"	W	Patrick Quinn,	Johanna Welch.

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